

'Value Now' Card Activity Comments: Community

The following public input was collected during the River Road—Santa Clara outreach events in the fall of 2017. These are comments provided during an activity where participants selected cards that represent what they value in their neighborhood. Each heading is a card under the Community category, and the miscellaneous comments were created by neighbors writing on blank cards to create their own.

Building Community

River Road Comments

- Community cooperation, Willamette River amenities
- Pedestrian overpass would be great
- Active participation, good buildings

Santa Clara Comments

- More opportunities
- Nice neighborhood, easy to communicate
- Get together, talk despite any differences
- Building community- inclusiveness
- Having community events
- Important to preserve the culture of the SC/RR area
- Connecting residents- neighborhood picnics and other events
- Communicate/know neighbors, interact public safety, extension of
- To build a sense of safety, collaboration, build relationships for community, fortitude
- SC Elementary school lot: community garden?
- Church is in close walking distance and part of community

Emergency

River Road Comments

- In new subdivision. Both County and City nearby. If you have to call 911, confusion with dispatch. Ran into issue one day and whose jurisdiction the call was in wasn't clear, causes delay and confusion
- Huge emergency=lots of response, but wants to see city coverage
- Fire- County vs. City limits
- Crime is frightening, we want safety and support
- Not enough police protection, values safety, especially at Riviera Mkt.

Santa Clara Comments

- Quick access
- More shift patrol/ public safety
- Emergency is on top of response, very good
- Fire district is separate from City
- Safety. Too many entities- city, county- who do you call with emergency
- Retired firefighter, dispatch needs more local control



- Emergency- more traffic congestion can impede access & emergency vehicles
- Emergency service

Schools

River Road Comments

- Incredible teachers, keep neighborhood going to local schools
- No children in school but schools are good and must be valued
- Criticism for neighborhood to have good schools over immersion schools
- Likes having diverse schools in neighborhood, good choices
- Great school
- If there was enough \$ for schools, there should be
- Eugene public library card for all 4J students, LTD card too

Santa Clara Comments

- We have great schools
- Money to schools
- Schools and education programs
- Schools- we do not want lose high school, need a community center- high school is good choice
- School choice issues, use local schools
- Teachers teach, teach respect to students, teach the 3 R's, teach penmanship in grade school, teach civics, retaining children to stay in our area schools, rebuild Eugene High North
- Schools- maintains property values, kids moving out of school areas, school boundaries confusing
- Schools are good in SC but N. Eugene neglected
- High schools- City partnership with 4J- utilize buildings for evening classes
- Keep schools in utmost importance- best for the kids
- Irving- good school

Miscellaneous Comments

- Central location, shopping/Beltline
- Community gardens
- Gardens and services near apartments (ECCO apts)
- Community building- don't have to drive more
- Everything accessible- curb cuts by ADA, West Eugene EMX ped improvements noted
- Diversity of residents
- Resilience and emergency preparedness
- Eugene has wildlife activity, Eugene is very unique
- Rain water management and swale
- Planters on the streets
- Support solar power



- New buildings- energy neutral
- Would love public use of school facilities
- "Next Door" website- block parties, communicating
- community clean-up, dog poo containers
- Expanded hours/access to library
- Community composting
- County residence
- Transportation/crime: criminals at bus depot vandalizing businesses, moving the bus depot is moving the problem, not fixing it. Feeding people in need with bad outcome
- Loves diversity in our neighborhood/ages/opinions
- Need more safety on River Rd with densities- emergency civil defense, ice storm support, crisis help, Maxwell area development/traffic control
- Mix of housing, fairground, trails, parks, etc outside of UGB within Metro boundary, would like annexation
- Frustration with UGB and what will not be allowed outside UGB in terms of single family housing, barriers to growth, frustration with "patchwork" of UGB
- Leave neighborhood alone- no change, City leave us alone
- Keep urban growth boundary as is
- Security and lights- porch and street lights- opportunities for theft, lack of st. lights, dark spots/safety about going for a walk
- Drug dealers in Chapman Dr./Whitley Landing
- Disability access- plan for housing, walking/wheeling- proactive planning to consider with infrastructure/schools/housing, etc.
- Inclusiveness: Does not want to be annexed
- Taxation issues- discussion of City vs. County
- Planning for growth (sense that growth is inevitable)
- Public safety
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- Safety from squatters
- Fairgrounds- move out to country, south of West Beacon Dr
- No marijuana farms- smells up the neighborhood and brings in lots of outsiders
- Airport flight paths- too close to homes, too close to neighborhoods! Scary!
- Dog park. Possible location: Lone oak
- We need to figure out a way to help transient and homeless folks, not ignore or push them away. Rest stop? Where to go..